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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: COMMENTS REQUESTED IN CONNECTION WITH COURT REMAND
OF NON-ACCOUNTING SAFEGUARDS ORDER,
CC Docket No. 96-149, Motion for Extension of Time to File
Reply Comments of the Illinois Commerce Commission

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed please find the original and fourteen (14) copies of the Illinois Commerce Commission's Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments of the Illinois Commerce Commission the above-referenced proceeding.

I would appreciate acknowledging receipt of the filing by returning a duplicate time stamped copy of this letter in the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas G. Andas", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas G. Andas
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In the Matter of)	
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Implementation of the Non-Accounting)	CC Docket No. 96-149
Safeguards of Sections 271 and 272 of the)	
Communications Act of 1934, as amended)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS
OF THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Pursuant to sections 1.46(b) and 1.47 of the Commission's General Rules of Practice and Procedure, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.46, 1.47, the Illinois Commerce Commission (hereinafter "ICC") hereby submits this Motion for an Extension of Time to File Reply Comments in the above-captioned proceeding, and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. The Commission's Public Notice¹ in the above captioned matter was released on November 8, 2000. Pursuant to the schedule reflected in the Public Notice, Initial Comments in this matter were filed on November 29, 2000. Reply Comments are due to be filed by all interested parties on December 11, 2000.

¹ *Comments Requested in Connection with Court Remand of Non-Accounting Safeguards Order*, CC Docket No. 96-146, Public Notice, DA 00-2530 (rel. Nov. 8, 2000) ("Public Notice").

2. The ICC is a State Commission as defined in section 3 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 153 (41). The ICC's participation in this matter is in the **public interest**. This docket addresses significant legal and policy issues regarding the distinction between "interLATA telecommunications services" and "interLATA information services" and how Bell Operating Companies are to be regulated in the provisioning of such services. The ICC has a direct, material interest in helping shape the policy debate on these important issues, and no other party to this proceeding can adequately represent the ICC's interest.

3. The ICC submits that **good cause** exists to support this Motion. Under Illinois law, all meetings of the Commission shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/1 et. seq. Pursuant to section 2.02(a) of the Open Meetings Act, the Illinois Commerce Commission must, at the beginning of each calendar year, make available a schedule of all its regular meetings listing the times and places of those meetings. 5 ILCS 120/2.02(a). The earliest regularly scheduled meeting in which the ICC will be able to consider and vote on this matter is to be held on December 12, 2000. Thus, the earliest the ICC can file its Reply Comments in this matter with the Federal Communications Commission is on December 12, 2000.

4. The granting of the ICC's Motion will not prejudice any party nor does it create any **additional burden** to any existing party. The ICC is asking for only one additional day to file its Reply Comments. The ICC's participation in this proceeding will ensure that the Commission

has a complete and thorough record upon which to make a determination of the relevant issues in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for all the reasons stated herein, the Illinois Commerce Commission respectfully requests that the Federal Communications Commission grant its Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments, and for any and all other appropriate relief in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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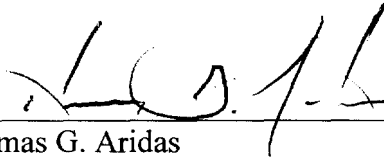
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Dated: December 5, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time for Reply Comments of the Illinois Commerce Commission to be served this day upon each person designated on the official service list in this proceeding, a copy of which is attached, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.47 of the Commission's General Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 5th day of December, 2000.

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Thomas G. Aridas

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